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(54) Title: ERASABLE INK FOR A WRITING IMPLEMENT

(57) Abstract: At least one embodiment of the present invention relates to an erasable ink composition particularly useful in a writing instrument for simultaneous the appearance of a graphite pencil. The composition of the present invention comprises a solvent system, a rubber and a pigment. The solvent system used in the present invention comprises an organic ester and a component selected from the group consisting of an optionally substituted cycloalkane, an optionally substituted cycloalkanone, an optionally substituted cycloalkene, or mixtures thereof. A sufficient amount of the solvent system is present so that the erasable ink composition will flow in a writing instrument. Preferably, the erasable ink composition of the present invention includes a pigment comprising graphite and carbon black. Finally, the erasable ink composition optionally includes a plasticizer, a liquid butene, or one or more additives selected from the group consisting of a corrosion inhibitor, a flow enhancing compound, and mixtures thereof.

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